

House File 576 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 57)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the inclusion of health plans that provide
2 coverage for abortion in a state health benefit exchange and
3 including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE — PROHIBITION OF
2 COVERAGE FOR ABORTIONS.

3 1. If a health benefit exchange is established in this state
4 pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care
5 Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care
6 and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152,
7 a health benefit plan that offers coverage for abortions shall
8 not be certified as a qualified health benefit plan to be
9 offered through the exchange.

10 2. This Act shall not be construed as creating or
11 recognizing a right to an abortion.

12 3. This Act does not make lawful an abortion that is
13 unlawful.

14 4. Any provision of this Act that is held to be invalid
15 or unenforceable by its terms, or as applied to any person or
16 circumstance, shall be construed so as to give the provision
17 the maximum effect permitted by law, unless such holding shall
18 be one of utter invalidity or unenforceability, in which event
19 such provision shall be deemed severable and shall not affect
20 the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision
21 to other persons not similarly situated or to other dissimilar
22 circumstances.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
24 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill provides that if a health benefit exchange is
27 established in this state pursuant to the federal Patient
28 Protection and Affordable Care Act, a health benefit plan
29 that offers coverage for abortions shall not be certified as
30 a qualified health benefit plan to be offered through the
31 exchange.

32 The bill shall not be construed as creating or recognizing
33 a right to an abortion or making lawful an abortion that
34 is unlawful. A provision of the bill that is held to be
35 invalid or unenforceable is severable so that the validity or

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1 enforceability of the remainder of the bill or application of
2 the bill is not affected.

3 The bill takes effect upon enactment.